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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :
Koichi FUJIWARA, et al. :
Serial No.: Group Art Unit:
Filed: December 28, 2000 Examiner:
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING A THREE-DIMENSIONAL SHAPE DATA

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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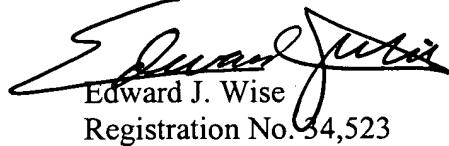
The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/187,467, filed November 4, 1998, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The

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Respectfully submitted,

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